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ABSTRACT

This activity guide seeks to dispel misrepresentations of Native Americans and build understanding among cultures by offering a hands-on approach to dissecting the whys and hows of institutionalized racism and by painting a realistic and diverse picture of modern American Indians. Each lesson includes a suggested grade level, materials and time needed, objectives, multi-layered activities, learning extensions, readings, and separate resource lists for teachers and students. Almost 40 different lesson themes teach students about growing up Native American today. After looking at Native American terminology, especially offensive vocabulary, chapters cover where Native Americans live, growing up and growing old, a day in the life, communications, the arts, and economics. A final chapter covers current struggles related to language recovery; burial ground repatriation; sacred objects repatriation; and efforts to change degrading team names, mascots, and logos. A special section uses photographs and profiles of a broad range of Native American professionals to illustrate the variety of career paths taken by Native Americans. Appendices present oral history guidelines, global information sources, national Native news radio stations, Web sites, additional resources, a 91-item bibliography, a glossary, and an index. The guide can be used on its own, or can be integrated into another curriculum. (TD)

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